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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



Hō'ola No'io



(from left to right: The Honorable Kaulana Park, Meilee Wong, Lilia Kapuniai, The Honorable Pearl Imada-Iboshi, The Honorable Lieutenant Governor 'Duke' Aiona, Cerell Rivera, Robert Piper, The Honorable Ted Liu, Dane Wicker, Robert Naniolo, Karl Espaldon)

Lt. Governor Aiona Recognizes Federal EECBG State Partners and Service Providers

The Honorable Lieutenant Governor 'Duke' Aiona announced at a press conference on July 19, 2010, the collaboration between State departments to promote the installation of solar water heaters and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) on Department of Hawaiian Home Land (DHHL) homesteads. The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) stated that Hawaii is a "model program" in its efforts to reduce energy consumption. OCS would like to extend a warm mahalo to Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) Director Pearl Imada-Iboshi and the partnering service providers for making the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) successful.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), DHHL, and DLIR are working together with private agencies Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP), Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO), the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) and Dowling, Inc. as a part of the \$2.9 million in EECBG program.

EECBG programs administered through the DLIR-OCS, weatherize about 366 DHHL units statewide, helping Hawaii take a big step forward to self-sufficiency, stimulating the economy, helping low-income families reduce energy costs, and reduce Hawaii's dependency on foreign oil.

CSBG ARRA: A Closer Look at HCEOC

The Federally funded Community Service Block Grant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (CSBG ARRA) is now the biggest program OCS administers. With increased monies comes greater responsibility and accountability. Hawaii's \$5 million in CSBG ARRA was distributed among the Community Action Agencies (CAAs): Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC), Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc. (HCAP), Kauai Economic Opportunity, Inc. (KEO) and Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO). OCS would like to thank and recognize each CAA for their hard work and dedication strengthening communities and improving lives.

The Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council has expended its Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to assist families become more self-sufficient. The programs provide services and activities addressing education, employment, housing, nutrition and health.

HCEOC has received \$1,003,563 in CSBG ARRA funds and is using this money to provide a variety of services, including: Language Arts Multicultural Program (LAMP); transportation services for low-income adults, mental health patients, elderly and

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handicapped persons; *Parenting a Child During Lean Economic Times*, *Emotionally Surviving the Recession*, *Helpful Budgeting Tips During Tough Times*, and *Making this Recession Less Stressful*; high school student participation in pre-employment skills and competencies; Right Track / Drop-Out Prevention Program; Summer School Tuition Assistance Program; volunteer mentoring of young women in successful business and academic areas of communication, finances, and self-image.

HCEOC supports community revitalization of low-income people by helping students achieve their academic goals. It helps improve student's scores on tests including the Stanford Diagnostic Reading Test, writing skills on the Standardized Aptitude Test (SAT), listening and speaking skills as measured by KOLT, basic computer knowledge, and improved socialization skills according to LAMP standards.

Choices+, a mentoring program for teenage girls; the Drop Out Prevention Program (DOPP), and the Summer School Assistance Program at Konawaena and Waiakea

High Schools have helped students increase academic, athletic, and social skills through tutoring and after school programs.

The Micronesian Money Management Program, a response to the financial problems many Micronesians encounter, focuses on educating this population on budgeting, types of loans, savings, credit cards, and predatory lending. The classes are offered in Marshallese and Chuukese languages. Workshops also include how to apply for a job and how to save on energy bills.

The Weatherization Assistance Program classes assist families with better use of their income. CSBG-ARRA funding allowed for expansion of solar and refrigerator installations. A family of six in the Puna area had a monthly electricity bill of \$350. After the installation of a solar water heating system, the monthly bill has dropped below \$200. A 65 year-old woman was able to reduce her daily utility usage by 1-2 kilowatt hours due to her receiving the energy saving solar installation and education.

Senior Farmer's Market and Nutrition Program Openings Still Available

The Hawaii Foodbank is looking to sign more qualified seniors. We encourage seniors to visit any of the certification sites around the island during the month of July. Or visit www.hawaiifoodbank.org or call the hotline at (808) 954-7889 to find the site nearest to you, download an application, see a list of acceptable documents, or find certified farmers markets to redeem your vouchers.

July 1, 9:00A.M. – 1:00PM Key Project (Kahaluu)	July 16, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Community Life Resource Center (Kaka'ako)
July 2, 9:00AM – 12:00PM Hale Ola Ho'opakolea (Nanakuli)	July 19, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Hope Chapel Olomana (Kailua)
July 6, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Waipahu United Church of Christ	July 20, 9:00AM – 3:00PM HCAP Central (Makalapa)
July 7, 9:00AM – 2:00PM St. Patrick Outreach (Kaimuki)	July 21, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Pope Elementary School, cafeteria (Waimanalo)
July 8, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Key Project (Kahuluu)	July 22, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Waialua Courthouse (North Shore)
July 9, 8:30AM – 12:30PM St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Aiea)	July 23, 9:00AM – 12:00PM Windward Mall
July 10, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Ewa Beach)	July 26, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Community Life Resource Center (Kaka'ako)
July 12, 8:30AM – 12:30PM Sts. Peter & Paul Church (Ala Moana)	July 27, 10:00AM – 1:00PM HCAP Waianae
July 13, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Paradise Chapel (Mali)	July 28, 9:00AM – 1:00PM First Assembly of God Windward (Kaneohe)
July 14, 9:00AM – 2:00PM Kamehameha Homes (Kalihi)	July 29, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Hope Chapel Kahuku House of Hope
July 15, 9:00AM – 1:00PM Key Project (Kahaluu)	July 30, 8:30AM – 12:30PM Sts. Peter & Paul Church (Ala Moana)